

ALBANY CHURCH PENNY

The planchets on which the Albany Church Penny were struck seem to be worn copper coins or coins which were hammered or rolled smooth. The example with the script D has its edge rimmed (see Cooper) or upset and the border hammered flat as the wear and oxidation is identical on that coin as ~~full~~ the border, the edge and the design.

The reason for the added D in script capitals is not positive but my theory is that the word "Penny" in script was not easily readable and the coin needed easier recognition. A ~~D~~ small case d would ordinarily been adequate ~~as~~ as the English insigma but perhaps the engraver thought a large D was better as a large D was ~~sometimes~~ used as the abbreviation of Pennyweight (Dwt) ~~or~~ instead of dwt. This can be observed <sup>present</sup> of weights of foreign coin circulating in U.S. at the time. The D was ~~not~~ to not for Deacon or for any ~~one~~ person's initial as that would be no reason to make ~~a~~ modification of the punch.